TAMESIDE EYE

The Facts behind The News

STALYBRIDGE ASHTON HYDE MOSSLEY DENTON DUKINFIELD LONGDENDALE AUDENSHAW & DROYLSDEN

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ONE LAW FOR THE BOSSES...

Councillor Fogg told the Reporter: "It is correct that there was such an incident. The employee concerned has been disciplined, and as far as we are aware this is now closed.

"The correct procedure was followed. I was [illegible] ase

JOHN JAMES STELFOX and the other men who were forced to resign from the HYDE depot after being accused of minor thefts were 'unlucky' according to MR. BALDWIN the Chief Engineer with ultimate responsibility for the HIGHWAYS DEPT. MR. BAL[illegible]ade this

...AND ANOTHER FOR THE WORKERS!

YOUR TASTIEST READ

ARE YOU A GORMY?

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NUKE TRAIN MYSTERY

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TAMESIDE EYE'S

ODDS & ENDS

Councillors Expenses Again

Tameside EYE's top flight investigative reporter WRETCH was awoken from his afternoon siesta the other day by a loud ringing on the telephone.

Springing to his feet he answered it and spoke to a charming lady who asked him whether he would be prepared to write an expose on GMC councillors expenses.

WRETCH instantly agreed that it was a subject worth probing but when he asked her exactly why she was interested and who she was, she gave an embarrassed titter, said she was the wife of a TAMESIDE councillor and rang off.

Remember Adolf

It's good to see that fine upstanding local news -

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NATIONAL FRONT
REMEMBRANCE DAY
BAND
welcome ex-servicemen to drum and carry the flag at London Cenotaph
Local agent, c/o 1 Clifton Avenue, Manchester 14.

paper the RIPSNORTER putting principle before profit again. On Feb.25 it carried an advert from the NATIONAL FRONT asking for ex-servicement to carry the flag on Remembrance Day at London's Cenotaph.

But what is not made clear in the REPORTER is which flag they will be carrying and in those moving moments of silence whether theitr thoughts will be entirely in unison with their comrades from the rest of the COMMONWEALTH

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If the communications which have been reaching EYE from 9 Latchford St., Ashton are to be believed a resident of that address one ANTHONY D.JONES has recently suffered a conversion of a magnitude akin to that of St.Paul on the road to Damascus.

MR. JONES has sent us some information which alleges first that the new 'Police and Criminal Evidence' Bill currently before Parliament merely 'consolidates various acts which can-and-are used by JIM ANDERTON's finest to make life generally miserable for anyone who they take offence against.'

Also, MR. JONES tells us a rather unbelievable story about police turning up to Moston Brook School in Manchester and supervising a mug shot photo session, the pupils apparently being told the photos were for school files.

The reason why we consider this information to be a little odd is that we know JONES is a rather active member of the NATIONAL FRONT - remember them? Now even casual reaearch on the FRONT's activities or beliefs reveals a major plank in their policy to be for strengthening the resources and power of the police way beyond the provision of the afore mentioned Bill.
So, why has MR. JONES written such subversive epistles to us? Could it be in this year of Karl Marx's centenery he has seen the light and lurched left? Or is it that he believed that the clever scribes of the EYE would enthusiastically endorse his alleged opinions and waste their time on wild story chases....you will have to do better than that TONY, dear.

THE LATE NEWS

Nice to see the rest of the local press catching up on last months EYE exclusive on King DAVID SPIERS African Safari.

Our hearty congratulations go to the REPORTERS hirsute hereditary editor DUNCAN ALAN WILLIAMSON and his trainee counterpart on the ADVERTISER, BRYAN CHADDERTON for keeping their hacks on their toes.

But neither seems to have noticed the last sentence of a report presented to the council at its last meeting. It reads:

"Three years is a long time in politics and the Chief Executive accepts that at or before the end of the secondment the situation will be reviewed and if either party feels at that time that it would be appropriate to revert to the present situation then a mutually acceptable solution will be found."

Tameside ratepayers who were stunned to hear of the departure of their great leader will have to steel themselves for yet another shock. For it now appears that ~~KIND~~ DAVID might never return.

But, Tameside's loss is Zimbabwe's gain. It shouldn't take long for a man like DAVID to sort out this strife-torn land. Once he's built himself a castle and persuaded JOSHUA NKOMO to set up an ice patrol, everything should be fine and dandy again.

Once our DAVID has sorted out Zimbabwe perhaps he'll be asked to move onto other areas, Northern Ireland or Lebanon perhaps? After all, three years is a long time in politics.

Manro again

MANRO PRODUCTS of STALYBRIDGE (Winners of Tame-Side Eye's Chemstar look-alike contest) just havn't been lucky at all lately. First came their blast, last Nov., and then we find that a building next to the works, which is being demolished at considerable expense was unaffected in the explosion.

and again

Somebody describing her self as 'a female EYE reader' wrote in to criticise remarks made in last months issue about the MANRO factory, Staly bridge. She wishes to point out that only part of the plant was ruined. She adds: 'Perhaps you have a comment to make? No doubt you have, as always."

As it happens we do have a comment to make. If you don't supply your name and address your letters don't get published.

Snake venom

ADVERTISER Editor BRYAN CHADDERTON was said this evening to be 'responding to treatment' in the lounge bar of the 'Clog and Sextant'. Staff of the ADVERTISER told police how they had found CHADDERTON comatose beside his typewriter and seeing nothing unusual they had carried on with their usual daily routine. It was not until he failed to awaken at opening time that they realised something was wrong. Forensic experts found a half empty syringe beside Editor CHADDERTONs chair, it was found to contain snake-venom. A man, believed to be the Editor of the REPORTER, is helping police with their enquiries.

Bob the nob

Life is tough at the top and the higher you rise, so it would appear, the more you become a target for scurrilous gossip and mindless abuse.

But there is one man in Tameside so lofty in vision and so renowned for his vigorous and morally upright defence of our area, that surely no-one would dare to take his name in vain.

But it is our duty to report that pooch-loving MR. ROBERT SHELDON is at the centre of a veritable storm of controversy. Some idle miscreant with nothing but mischief in mind rang the EYE to say that he's seen BOBS posh Vauxhall car parked outside the CONCORDE SUITE DROYLSDEN .... *on double yellow lines !!*

We at the EYE refuse to believe this vicious rumour and trust that BOB will soon be in touch to keep the record straight.

Caring vicar

DR. BARNARDOS Homes for children might have been disappointed with the results of their envelope collections in Micklehurst MOSSLEY last year. EYE understands that Micklehurst's vicar the REV. D. BOOTH failed to distribute a large number of the envelopes given to him by local organisers. Maybe he thought that his parishioners living in a 'poverty prone' area wouldn't have any money to spare.

Andrex

Nice to see that the ADVERTISER now bungs over 72,000 bits of free loft insulation material into houses around Tameside. BRYAN CHADDERTON's boys have been to the trouble of having this figure 'verified' by another company.

But what was not mentioned in the smug little piece that appeared on the front page of a recent edition was whether or not BRYAN takes the trouble to 'verify' any of the stories written by RICHARD 'JACKANORY' JACKSON, the man who looks like he was built by MECCANO LTD., and writes like AESOP himself.

Incidentally, the 'thing with florescent hair' that council officials have spotted in commitee rooms is the ADVERTISERS new hackette LYDIA SOMETHING OR ANOTHER.

Ice patrol

TAMESIDE's much publicised ICE PATROL were the first victims of the icy weather. Machinery breakdowns and the breakdown of no less than 5 radios in the gritting lorries were given as the reason why salting was not done or done in the wrong place. Despite the fact that the gritting lorries might be used only once a year eight out of nine of them broke down on their first outing of the winter. Chief Engineer IVOR

(ICY PATH) BALDWIN blamed two of the breakdowns on the gritters hitting an 'uneven surface' in the loading yard. Perhaps the 'uneven surface' was the yard foreman prostrate after suffering a nervous breakdown.

MATRIX PUPPETS
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Waste of your money

Our attention was drawn to these two ads in the MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS on MARCH 17. Strange is it not that the bureaucrats who spend your money feel that there is enough of it to advertise the same piece of land twice? EYE estimates the cost of one such ad to be at least £200 per night. Will the idiot responsible for this waste of public money have to cough up out of his no doubt ample salary? We doubt it.

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Tameside Metropolitan Borough
445 Commercial & Industrial Property
447 Property Wtd
Central Street
452 Apar Flats,

Porno poem

EYE is privileged to bring you one of the actual poems that brought TAMESIDE to the brink of of civil war earlier this month. We regret our typewriter seems to have developed a fault and as and as a result a few of the words may have been obscured. We feel sure that the gist of the poem will still be evident to readers.

what can a poor poet do
when his **** fails
and his **** *****'s
his **** wont****
he could*** or even ***
but never let it be said
that he **** his ****
while*** with ****
in leather lace or pvc
he *** ***** **** **
it's hard enough writing this stuf
with my *** all*** and *** stuff
without the ********'ress
giving me ***** and ** abuse
I just want to say I dont give a**
cos nothing else rhymes with****

BOSSES ON THE FIDDLE

One law for them,but what about you

JIM BELL a TAMESIDE CLEANSING DEPT AREA MANAGER has had his botty smacked following recent disclosures involving the unauthorised use of TAMESIDE machinery on the renovation of a private house in GRASSCROFT, part of neighbouring OLDHAM Borough.

Fake address

Tameside Driver TONY JAMESON was told to take a skip to BALMORAL RD. MOSSLEY which since there is no such road he had no chance of finding. He radioed his base for instructions. He was told to stay put and wait for a Supervisor who would lead him to the address. Eventually Supervisor GRAHAM SIDEBOTTOM arrived in a TAMESIDE vehicle and escorted the skip to an address in GRASSCROFT, a snooty suburb of OLDHAM.

Keep it in the family

At the same time a JCB was making its way from TAMESIDE's DENTON DEPOT to the same address. The house the machines had been sent to was being renovated by a building firm whose proprieter, a MR. THISTLETON is the brother of S.A. THISTLETON of NEY ST. ASHTON, a Tameside Manager who EYE understands is being groomed for stardom.

No comment

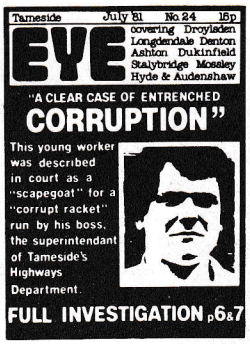
We rang MR. THISTLETON and asked him 'Did you know that the house in GRASSCROFT was being renovated by your brothers building firm?' He replied 'I dont know' and would make no further comment.
Requests from Councillors GLYN FORD and DENIS FOGG to see the report on the matter were turned down on the grounds that it was an 'internal' matter.

Enquiry

At the internal enquiry we understand that reference was made to 'good topsoil required for an environmental project'. This turned out to be no more than clay and rubble dumped on Waggon Rd. MOSSLEY the day after the job at GRASSCROFT.

Contrast

Area Manager BELL received a severe reprimand and will continue in his job. This is in stark contrast to the treatment received by JOHN STELFOX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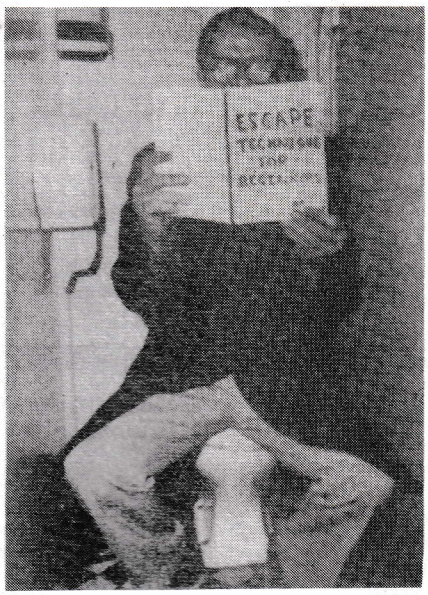
EYE covering Droylsden Longdendale Denton Ashton Dukinfield Stalybridge Mossley Hyde & Audenshaw
"A CLEAR CASE OF ENTRENCHED CORRUPTION"
This young worker was described in court as a "scapegoat" for a "corrupt racket" run by his boss, the superintendant of Tameside's Highways Department.
FULL INVESTIGATION p6&7

a labourer sacked by TAMESIDE in June '81 for delivering a few second hand flags at the orders of his boss (see EYE 24)

Bubbles



BUBBLES is back. Here we see a typical ADVERTISER reader in the traditional pose for reading the editorial column. EYE readers are asked to suggest what thoughts may be crossing the unfortunate victim's mind as he prepares to re-cycle his copy. Send your ideas to TAMESIDE EYE? P.O. BOX 30, HYDE,SK14 3JL. and you could win a TAMESIDE EYE T shirt. State large, med, or small with your entry.

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Ashton Street Row

MR. CLIVE WILLIAMS, friend of Cllrs. ROY OLDHAM and JACK PETTIT has been causing residents of Clark St., Ashton, problems over the last 4 or 5 years. MR. WILLIAMS is the Managing Director of ASHTON firm PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING, and he seems to have rather unusual ideas on the subject of planning permission.

CLARK ST. at one time was a long street of terraced houses, unadopted and unspoiled until MR. WILLIAMS decided it was time for expansion.

He set about buying local property and had the houses on his side of the street demolished. He then applied for permission to have the street shut off, this he got despite a petition from local residents containing 800 signatures. What he did not get was permission to build an entrance across the bottom of the Street, or a new gable end or even a huge neon sign which shone brightly into local residents windows.

They were understandably upset, primarily at the thought of dirty great lorries rumbling down their little street. Secondly because their children were being kept awake at nights by Clives neon edifice so they reported it to the council.

Later they were told that planning permission had been granted 'retrospectively' however WILLIAMS was ordered to shut off his neon sign outside office hours, this he did not do, despite 4 or 5 official warnings, and the neon shines on to this day.

Will's Plan

Next in MR. WILLIAMS master plan to annex CLARK ST. was an application to have the streets immediately around his factory designated as; no waiting areas.

Again he was successful and yellow lines were painted along Stockport Rd. and surrounding sts.

The Writ

PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING vehicles were now able to move freely in all directions except of course for CLARK ST. where one of the residents responsible for the upkeep of the road had parked his boat. He was a little surprised to receive a visit from the local constabulary in the shape of two bobbies and a Sarge. He pointed out to them that they had no jurisdiction over the street and they went away, but came back again 4 or 5 times finally bringing with them a police inspector bearing a private writ from CLIVE WILLIAMS. He thought it unusual for an officer of such exalted rank should concern himself with a mere parking offence, particularly as the writ was a civil case and thus of no concern to police at all, although this did not prevent the law suggesting that they would come down heavily on him if he did not move his boat. We also understand that if the matter goes to court, some of the officers will be called as witnesses for WILLIAMS.

Friends in High Places!

The resident involved, MR. D'ARCHAMBAUD, has asked us to point out that he has made sure that a sign has been erected on CLARK ST. saying that parking is by permission only and on one occasion when the police called to make him move a car left by an aquaintance he did so as soon as the keys arrived.

Mr. WILLIAMS is the chairman of Tameside branch of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TRADE and he seems to have had the powers-that-be on his side, in addition to neighbouring company DEEP FREEZE LTD.

The saga continues, and we will follow it with interest.

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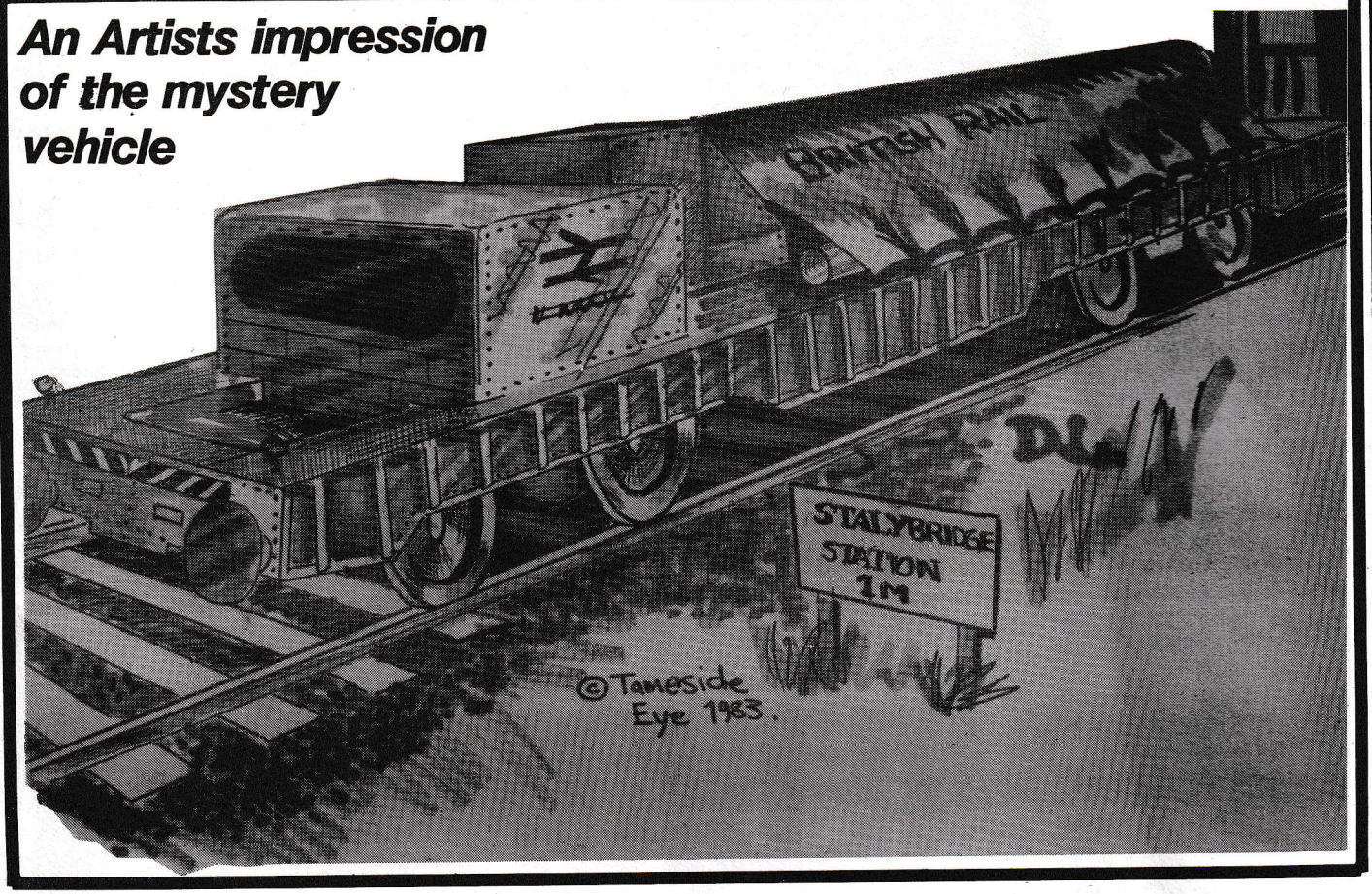
Nuke Train Mystery

An Artists impression of the mystery vehicle



FACT: Tameside is a nuclear free zone.
QUESTION: Is nuclear material being transported through Tameside by rail ?

An EYE reader, who wishes to remain anonymous, told us of the time he was crossing Spring Bank Bridge ,Heyrod, Stalybridge, when he saw an unusual sight. On the track below him stood an odd looking low loader carrying a cylindrical object under a tarpaulin cover. To the front and rear of this were carriages full of men dressed in blue uniforms and playing cards. He thought no more of the matter until he saw a similar vehicle, once again accompanied by two carriages, but this time it was on a TV programme on Nuclear Weapons. The vehicle was described as a transporter of Nuclear Weapons, and the cylindrical object was a missile.
EYE contacted New Statesman journalist DUNCAN CAMPBELL well versed in probing Govt. secrets. He thought our description fitted 'a load of uranium nuclear fuel, either weapons or reactor fuel.' He advised us to contact 'Leeds Other Paper' who have done much research on nuclear trains that pass through their city and they sent us pictures of these trains which we showed to our informant.
There were, he declared, many similarities between what he had seen and the pictures from Leeds.

BRITISH RAIL denied that nuclear material passes through Tameside. A spokesman said,'If someone has seen something that looks suspicious it is probably a perfectly innocuous engineering transporter.'
However, we believe there is cause for concern. It is known that the convoy set up with carriages containing armed guards to the front and rear of the low loader, is used to transport nuclear material.
Also, Tameside is a British Rail main trans Pennine route and material could be passing through from Burtonwood US Air Base or Capenhurst nuclear power station, Ellesmere Port, where it is suspected Uranium for nuclear weapons is processed.

Would be nuke-train spotters should look for these tell-tale signs. The low loader is escorted by two coaches with sleeping compartments, in which travel up to a dozen armed guards, serial nos on the coaches may be 99150 or 99151.
The special low loaders are often covered with yellow tarpaulins; no's to note are 95780 and 95781.

TAMESIDE may be a nuclear free zone but who will ensure that loads such as our reader claims to have seen do not pass through the borough. We understand that Tameside employs only one enforcement officer and the idea of him holding up a nuclear train is not one that inspires confidence.

When is a job not a job

When unemployed Mark Green was offered a place on MSC training course he immediately contacted the DHSS for a clothing allowance.

Allowance

Mark felt he had a good reason for making a claim as his first job involved working as a paint sprayer at a local garage and as most people know protection in a job of this nature is essential.But there was no response fron the DHSS. Obviously Mark has no money to spare and he desparately needs a pair of heavy boots two pairs of overalls and a donkey jacket.

Refused

When he approached the social security again he was told that the clothing allowance had been refused under section 23 which states that an MSC programme

Not work

is not work,but a training scheme.

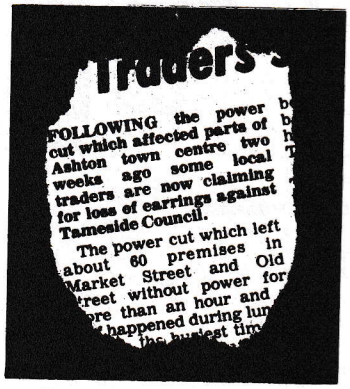
MSC spokesperson told EYE that unless employers were required under the Health and safety act to provide protective clothing they were not obliged to do so.

But if the MSC scheme is college based then protective clothing will be supplied as part of the training commitment.

Unlucky

For Mark Green and others like him this means that he can only obtain the required protection if he happens to be working on college courses.If he's unlucky enough to be on an outside course,the DHSS are quite happy to let him choke to death.

Reporter goof


Traders

FOLLOWING the power b
cut which affected parts of
Ashton town centre two
weeks ago some local
traders are now claiming
for loss of earrings against
Tameside Council.

The power cut which left
about 60 premises in
Market Street and Old
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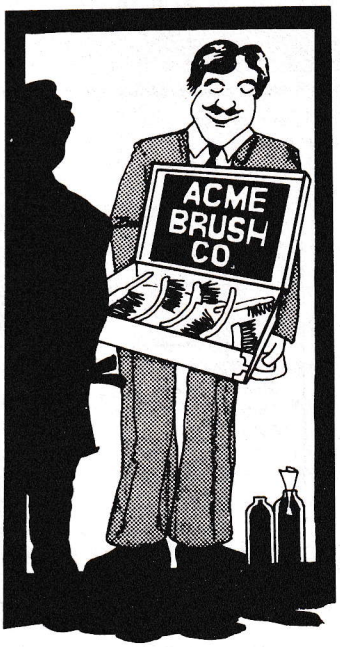
ARE YOU GORMY

TAMESIDE EYE PRESENTS ITS VERY OWN GUIDE TO THE TRICKS OF DOOR TO DOOR CON MEN.

Everyone wants to improve their home. And even the Govt. is prepared to help out. It provides massive grants for home improvements of all kinds. But unfort unately it also provides massive opportunities for unscrupulous crooks.

In this exclusive interview a salesman who used to work for a crooked insulat; ion firm reveals some of the tricks of the trade. He does not wish to be named because since leaving the company he has been threatened with violence should he reveal details of their practice. The company has since been liquidated leaving thousands of people out of pocket. The salesman has given the EYE detailed evidence that his allegations against the company are true. But we have not named the company because he is frightened of the repercussions. Certain members of the company have been to prison for violent offences. Many still operate in TAMESIDE.



EYE: Why did you join the company?
SALESMAN: I was out of work and short of money They said I could earn a lot in a short space of time.
EYE: Did you have any idea when you joined that the firm was not all that it seemed?
S.M: No, as far as I was concerned it was a genuine set up.
EYE: What made you change your mind?
S.M: Initially, it was the realisation that some members of staff had criminal records.
EYE: What about their sales techniques?
S.M: A typical ruse was to work in areas with large immigrant populatuon masquerading as council officials. Often it was stated that to be eligible for a loft insulation grant they were obliged to pay a deposit This of course is contrary to the council's advice on the subject.

URDU

On one occasion this was taken to an extreme level when one of the salesmen duped a large number of people at a public meeting. He even knew how to say, 'Give me a £10 deposit in Urdu! '

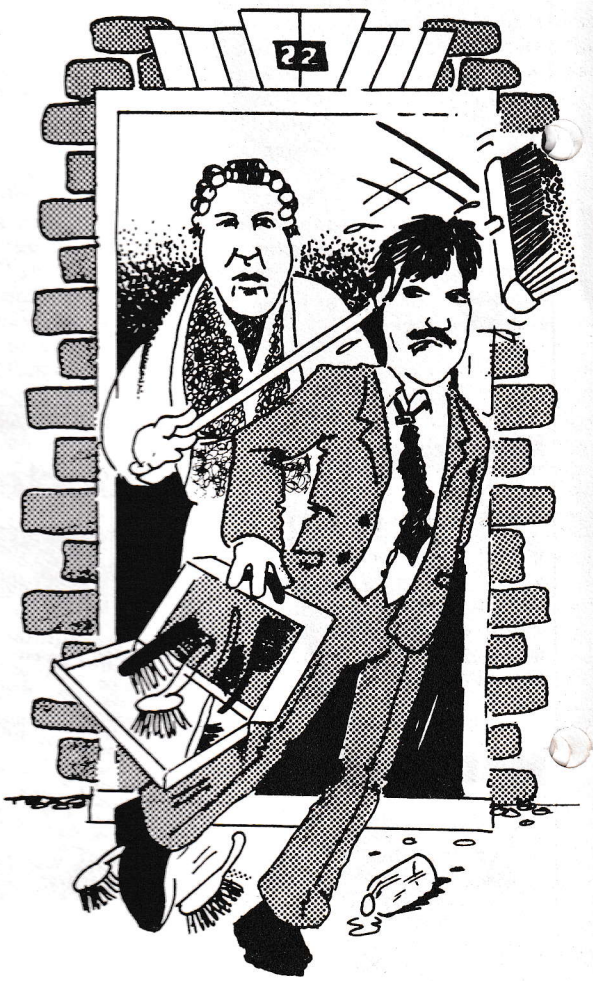
GRANT

This same person once went into a property and demanded that the residents gave him proof that they lived there, so that HE could decide whether to 'award them a grant'. They produced an electricty bill and were signed up.

EYE: Did any of the salesmen use false names?
S.M: Virtually all of them. When I asked about this they said it was for tax purposes. One used the title 'Doctor' (in itself a criminal offence) and was in the habit of carrying a two-way radio with him which he would pretend to'check the property for damp.'

TECHNIQUES

EYE: O.K. So these are extreme examples. What about some more typical techniques.
S.M: One method is to pull up the car, ask for directions and then tell them that you are doing a survey in the area in conjunction with the Govt. Grant Scheme with a view to gaining their sale. You then offer them a lift home and sign them up.



NAMES

Another is to obtain a list of names from the electoral register. Then the salesman goes round to one house and says that everyone else on the street has signed up. He produces a list of names and attempts to pressurise the punter into a sale. This technique is often used on elderly and disabled people, who often qualify for a 90% grant.
EYE: Why did you leave the company?
S.M: Because I realised that in some cases claim forms were being obtaine for customers with grant approval and sent to local authorities before the work was done. Some council's don't carry ou sufficiently stringent checks which enables dis

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honest companies to obtain large amounts of money without doing the work.

Another practice I discovered was where people would do the work themselves cheaply and then buy a receipt from a salesman to say that they had spent a lot more.

THREAT

EYE: You say you were threatened with violence after you left. What happened?

S.M: I was told that a fee of money had been paid to keep a colleague and myself quiet. The contract was never carried out because the company was liquidated soon afterwards. But many members of the same team are still operating for different companies.

TAMESIDE EYE would be interested if YOU have had any NASTY experiences with salesmen. Please write to TAMESIDE EYE, PO BOX 30 HYDE. SK14 3JL.

A SALEMAN'S GLOSSARY

PUNTER: The public at large
GORMY: A gormless idiot, easily duped.
LUCK PUNTER: The sort of person who says ' Come in, would you like a cup of tea?
DIPPER: A deposit ,invariably paid by Gormies.
DREAM OR HIDDEN PROP: Houses previously untouched by salesmen.
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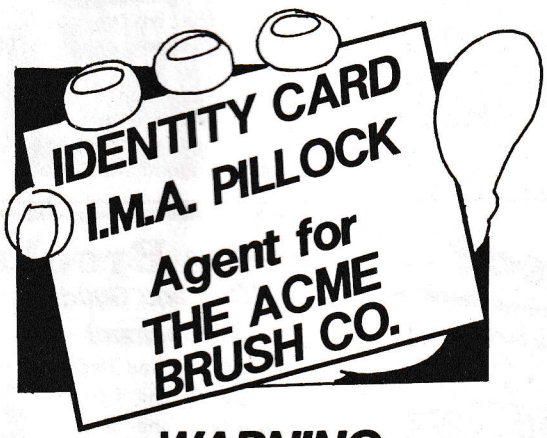

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Bleeding Idiots

The EYE would like to pass on its heartiest congratulations to PHIL STALEY the new incumbant of footballs least glamorous job - Manager of Droylsden F.C.

Recent experience would seem to suggest to all but a witless idiot that there is more chance of gaining a passenger ticket on the space shuttle than staying in charge at the Butcher's Arms for more than three months.

Oblivion

As the Bloods have continued their dive to third division oblivion this season mainly under the disinterested eye of Alex 'the lads played well but we lost' Stepney the blunders of the United 'has been' are nothing to the variety of farces that are coming home to roost at the feet of Laurel and Hardy act-a-likes Directors DAVE STIRLING and BILL MERCER.

Discontent

Discontent among the players has been fuelled by the interesting finance policy operated by the dynamic duo Stalwart players have been receiving the princely sum of £7 a week from the club for turning up two evenings a week and playing on a Saturday.

Cut

last week this was cut to £4 plus a bonus system (£2 a win)

More Equal

But while all players are equal, some are more equal than others. For some reason one regular player is only recieving £3, while the club, forever wingeing about its finances has been willing to fork out considerably more to attract players who have cruised in on the coat tails of new manager PHIL STALEY.

Further discontent has been exacerbated by the recent practice of pulling players, many away from work, to obscure pitches in the outreaches of Lancashire where they are told 'sorry lads youre not in the team this week' and are then left watching other players taking their position whom they have never seen at training.

While the club is reluctant to pay the players for their efforts it seems the coffers open easily when it comes to warding off bad publicity. Among the more shabbily treated individuals at the club is ex Altrincham player MICKEY BROOKES, MICKEY was appointed manager at the beginning of the season. DROYLSDEN won the first game, lost the next four and BROOKES was sacked, but remained at the club as a player.

"Business"

Talk among the players is that he was offered an incentive to say he was resigning for "business reasons'(if that sounds familiar,it is;Stepney also resigened for "business reasons)

Support

Meanwhile on the terraces and among the players it is becoming increasingly obvious that the fortunes of this embattled club will not improve until the rot is cut from the top and Directors interested in football rather than sporting poseurs are installed.

Just for the record so fat this season Droylsden F.C. have played 26 games,won 7 drawn two and lost 17.

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junction with the Govt. Grant Scheme with a view to gaining their sale. You then offer them a lift home and sign them up.

NAMES

Another is to obtain a list of names from the electoral register. Then the salesman goes round to one house and says that everyone else on the street has signed up. He produces a list of names and attempts to pressurise the punter into a sale. This technique is often used on elderly and disabled people, who often qualify for a 90% grant.

EYE: Why did you leave the company?

S.M: Because I realised that in some cases claim forms were being obtained for customers with grant approval and sent to local authorities before the work was done. Some council's don't carry out sufficiently stringent checks which enables dishonest companies to obtain large amounts of money without doing the work.

Another practice I discovered was where people would do the work themselves cheaply and then buy a receipt from a salesman to say that they had spent a lot more.

THREAT

EYE: You say you were threatened with violence after you left. What happened?

S.M: I was told that a fee of money had been paid to keep a colleague and myself quiet. The contract was never carried out because the company was liquidated soon afterwards. But many members of the same team are still operating for different companies.

TAMESIDE EYE would be interested if YOU have had any NASTY experiences with salesmen. Please write to TAMESIDE EYE, PO BOX 30 HYDE. SK14 3JL.

A SALEMAN'S GLOSSARY

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GORMY: A gormless idiot, easily duped.
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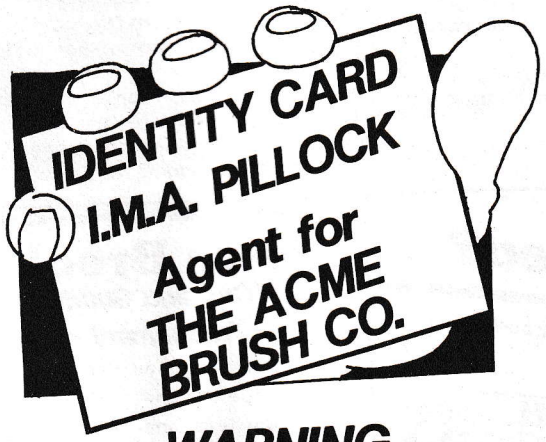

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LORDS of the REALM

At first glance the new Hyde based magazine-the LORDS OF THE REALM -might be dismissed as another dubious publication from the lunatic fringe.

This would be a shame because it is one of the most fascinating and readable publications that has come my way in a long time and it certainly makes compulsive reading.

The editorial claims that the object of the magazine is to:"make these proprietors(the Finance/Military/Government elite of the Western World)accountable for the lurid activities of their hired hand managements,and more responsive to the population from whom they wring their lavish livelihoods"---pretty angry stuff,hey!

Actually it is about the only example of political invective in the rest of the 16 page issue which is given over to a cone summary of the 'achievements' of a selection of individuals or families that have been responsible for the rise of the gargantuan multinational corporations who dominate the world economic systems.

It shows them out to be ruthless,but this is rarely the central thrust of the various profiles on such luminaries as the Oppenheimers,the Barclays,the Rockerfellers and many more.

In fact I am sure that a disciple of capitalism would squeal with ecstasy and inspiration as the authors recount in a snappy style the rise from obscurity of a number of shabby sounding individuals such as ROY THOMPSON later LORD THOMPSON of FLEET to the pinnacles of power.

The REALM as I have said does not preach world revoloution it just concentrates on exposing how and where the major elites in the western world are involved.It will be most useful for those who are always left groping for facts to back up their radical theories in debate or discussion.

Rather wisely instead of subjecting the reader to reams of political jargon the REALM simply states facts Only occasionally does it jog your critical faculties with suggestion.Such as pointing to organisations like the TRI LATERAL COMMISION-an informal body funded by the ROCKERFELLERS, consisting of leaders of industry and politics who debate the world.

The fact is ,if you don't believe in the international conspiracy theory the 'REALM' won''t convince you that that the captains of industry in the States and Europe are on the blower to each other planning international workers misery,but it may open your eyes to the tremendous range of interests that exists across national boundries for this special breed of people.

Even if you think you know how amazingly rich the Oppenheimers or Rockerfellers are,you will still be staggered to find out how many fingers they have in the economic pie and so excellently laid bare in this first issue.

I find it difficult to see where the magazine is going to build up its circulation You certainly could not accuse it of being modest in its aims-on the inside cover it boasts a USA correspondent!

But I hope that future editions will be as readable and as well researched as this one ..keep up the good work.

LORDS OF THE REALM is edited by NEVILLE MERCER and is available from POMMEDOR PUBLICATIONS, 105 THE MALL, HYDE, CHESHIRE,

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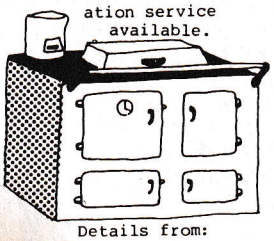

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Well readers, no doubt you are all agog waiting to learn why my column was missing from last months issue of this loathsome muck raking rag. Over the years, other lesser scribblers have come and gone, but readers have been able, every month, to turn to my column for informed comment, inside information and classy character assasinations, until last month.

Now it can be told, I Q-St John Wretch, finally received a call to serve the cause of public decency Truth and Right. It started early one Sunday morning, I was temporarily financially embarassed and unable to stump up the £20 bail demanded by the local beak, when a shifty character in a rumpled trenchcoat approached me in the exercise yard. He was an agent of the 'White ratepayers against the Arts' group, and he offered to bail me out in return for 'a small favour'. His group, whose membership approaches double figures, were planning to sabotage what he described as 'a lot of poofta poets' who were using ratepayers money to stage 'trendy poetry nights' at the Fart in a Bottle local pub. 'Look no further' quoth I, 'I'm your man' for as readers will know, pooftas and poets come high on my list of society's evils.

Black Lesbian

Later that day, disguised as a black lesbian folk singer I infiltrated one of their rehearsals. My plan was to encourage them to plumb even greater depths of filth in their poems, recording them on a tiny tape machine concealed in the false bosom which formed part of my disguise. Having done so I headed for the exit, but to my horror they insisted on hearing me sing.

I droned out some dirge about tower blocks, social injustice, police violence and the problems of pre-menstrual tension plucking my guitar aimlessly, and to my surprise they applauded me warmly demanding more. I made my excuses and left.

I took my tape to a secret rendezvous where another member of our group edited it to include the names of great folk heroes, and our tape was secretly substituted for the current dial-a-poem tape.

The rest is history and this trendy group of parasites got their comeuppance. The pity is that only the 'Douglas Bader' poem was heard, for we had prepared the other poems which heaped abuse on Baden-Powell, Enid Blyton, Frank Bough, James Anderton and even Bryan Chadderton.

Wretch

BUDGET SPECIAL

"A Budget for the family a Budget for enterprise, and, most of all, a Budget for Britain's continuing recovery."

This is how the Chancellor summed up his statement, possibly his last before the next general election. Is it, however, a budget for the low paid, or those on state benefit ?

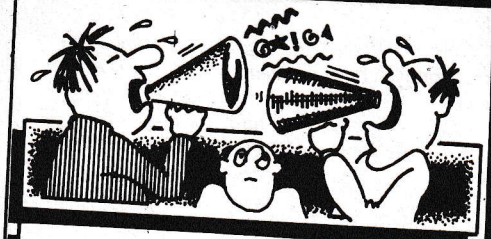
Certainly, there is some 'good' news for the low paid in the budget. Tax thresholds and allowances go up 14% (a rise of 8% taking into account inflation) from May 10th. This means that one and a quarter m illion fewer people will have to pay tax, all of whom will be on low pay. In addition, the rise in child benefit of 12% to £6.50 will also help those in work, as will the rise in single parent benefit (also 12%) of 40p to £4.05. These measures will essentially help both those on low pay and those with families.

Good News

The only good news here is the restoration of the 5% cut in unemployment (and sickness) benefit, after 15 months; it will not of course be back - dated, so those on these benefits will have lost out for that period. In addition, for supplementary benefits, the amount of capital you can have before you lose benefit now £2,500 will rise to £3,000 (the amount for single payments will rise from £300 to £500) There are two other items of 'good' news in the budget, for those on invalidity benefit and those over 60 years old. If you are on invalidity benefit, you will now be able to go on the long term (and higher) rate of Supplementary Benefit, after 12 months without having to be on the short term (lower) rate for 12 months to qualify. After 12 mths on Invalidity Benefit then, claimants will now be better off. Second, for those over 60, there are several changes. Now, you will qualify for the long term rate without having to wait for a year, from June onwards in addition, 90,000 men over the age of 60 will be able to have full credits for pension rights, without having to sign on the dole.

In general, then, the budget is a mixture. If you are in work and have a family, you may be better off, especially if, with the rise in allowance, you won't have to pay tax at all. If you are on benefits, though you may well be worse off (if you are under 60 years old certainly). The basic point here is that not enough has been done to compensate for the effects of the previous four budgets. In addition, of course i.e.by next year 300,000 more will be unemployed (according to Treasury estimates) and they will certainly not be better off.

Of course the major news is the increase in Social Security Benefit. The system for working out the increase has changed instead of a forecast for the year ahead, the inflation rate of the previous year, from May to May will be used. Next Nov's increase will be about 4%. Therefore since the inflation rate from Nov '83 to Nov '84 will be more: possibly over 6% this may represent a 2% cut in general benefit for pensioners and those on supplementary benefit.



SOUNDING OFF

Now Nicholas had risen for a piss,
And thought he could improve upon the jape
And make him kiss his arse ere he escape,
And opening the window with a jerk
Stuck out his arse, a hansome piece of work,
Buttocks and all, as far as to the haunch,
Said Absolon, all set to make a launch,
'Speak pretty bird, I know now where thou art!'
This Nicholas at once let fly a fart.

Local poetry group "STAND & DELIVER" ran into a storm of criticism over their contribution to the North West Arts funded DIAL A POEM service. They were slammed by both the National and local press as "sick and disgusting"

SOUNDING OFF this month features one of the poets SANDY GORT who provoked a number of people with his piece on the life of SIR DOUGLAS BADER.

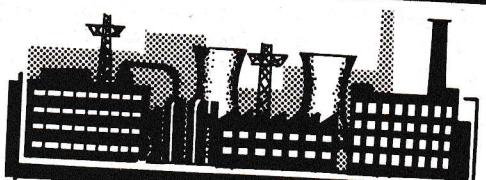
So we delivered and here we stand. Misquoted, misconstrued and Mrs. Mary Whitehoused by people who probably havn't read a poem since they received their last Christmas card.

We are controversial because we write about things in which we genuinely believe. We all loathe militarism, hate hypocrisy and despise discrimination in any form. We accept that this can make our listeners uncomfortable but history is jammed with people who made themselves unpopular by speaking the truth and pricking the collective conscience. 'Stand and Deliver' were controversial long before Dial-a-poem accepted us.

But what of the people whom we affronted? At best they are ill-informed and gullible, at worst, ignorant bigots. The death threat I received came from a gentleman who claimed that he didn't need to read poems as he had read the newspaper reports. Or the landlord of the Dog & Partridge; for three years we performed there without a complaint. Only to be ejected by the new tenant within three months. Allegedly for using foul language in a private room, in front of an audience who knew exactly what they were paying for. In fact the language used has always been far milder than that used in the tap room of most sanctified pubs. Even in that shrine to decency and good organ playing the Dog &Partridge where the very Reverend Mr.Bob Byrne claims he has the backing of his brewer St.John Willie Lees. The same brewery who sponser the EMBASSY CLUB featuring BERNARD MANNING often billed as Manchesters bluest comic.

Finally I would like to thank all the people involved in the 'Dirty Ditty Storm' particularly those who complained to the press. Thanks to you Dial-A-Poem received a record number of calls, we obtained quite a few extra bookings and sales of our magazine ZIP are increasing.

Oh, and one more thing. The lines at the top of the page were not taken from an 'explicit sex poem' by an 'unrepentant Mike Rooke' or from a poem 'undermining national institutions' by a depraved Kev Fegan, they aren't even from a piece of 'sick sardonic humour' by myself. Its taken from the MILLERS TALE by GEOFFREY CHAUCER! King Richard the Second paid his fees.



INDUSTRY

Govt. helps axe 150 jobs

Despite an annual turnover of £4 million and full order books, ASHTON steel casting firm H. BROADBENT AND SONS is being forced to close following a deal between the GOVERNMENT and its LONDON-based owners.

H. BROADBENT AND SON is owned by FINANCE FOR INDUSTRY, a massive and powerful consortium of bankers and moneylenders who wield annual profits of £125,000,000 and own 81 companies.

Chairman the RT HON LORD CALDECOTE in between sailing, golfing and shooting, agreed to close the company as part of a national plan to rationalise the steel industry, drawn up by LAZARD BROTHERS, the merchant bankers.

Overcapacity

LAZARDS say there is a 25 per cent overcapacity in the steel industry. By encouraging firms to close they aim to reduce total output of steel from 14.4 million tons to 10 million tons.

The loss of one third of the British steel industry's 10,000 workforce will be financed by £6 million of GOVERNMENT money and a levy on foundries that stay open.

Under the wizadry of the LAZARD scheme, the GOVERNMENT is expected to pay BROADBENTS one third of its annual turn-over. An estimated £1.1 million is to be paid to shut down a foundry valued at £½ million.

Companies that agree to close are required to destroy or sell the melting furnace and ancillary equipment within 180 days of the closing date.

Grants

Paradoxically, BROADBENTS were given a GOVERNMENT grant of £91,000 in 1974 followed by a further £48,068 in 1977.

Ashton Councillor Jack Pettit described the shut-down as " a typical example of a Tory/Fascist Government in action.

Outraged BROADBENT directors made a £½ million offer to buy the foundry. But their bid fell far short of what the GOVERNMENT were prepared to pay to shut the place down with a loss of 150 jobs.

Shutdown

Pending closure, BROADBENTS have recently undergone a management re-shuffle. Shop stewards claim that ex-production manager DAVID McDONALDSON who was strongly opposed to the Lazard scheme was speedily ousted for early ret irement last Christmas.

Managing director, ERIC ARROWSMITH who is usually based at CHESTERFIELD has moved to ASHTON to supervise the shut-down.

Funnily enough BROADBENTS sister company. TRIANGLE ALLOYS of CLAY CROSS is also to close. It's hardly surprising really - when you can make such huge profits out of other people's misery.

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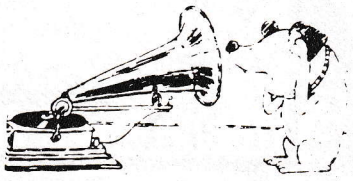

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Wed 13 Apr- Rich World, Poor World - the differences between ourselves & the Third World

Thursday
Thurs 14 Apr- 'Tameside'- people in the 1930's local life in social & economic terms

All the classes are at the Resources Centre, Waterloo Road. Stalybridge starting at 7.15pm for 2hrs. They all last for 6 weeks & the cost is the normal W.E.A. fees of £4.80 (£2.40 for unwaged, Students & O.A.P.'s) except for Women & Health and Rich World, Poor World which are FREE

PLAY SCHEMES IN TAMESIDE OVER EASTER
Mon 28 March-Thurs 31Mar & Tues 5 Apr-Fri 8 Apr
daily 10am till 4pm
with a break at lunch time
Their are five sites throughtout the area
Stockport Rd Playing Fields Denton
Edgemont Playing Fields Mossley
Block Sages Playing Fields, Dukinfield
Hattersley Community Centre
Also at Hyde, but site not yet comfirmed

Also the play bus TOMMY TAMESIDE will be roving around the area

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Full brochure and tickets from: Grass Roots, Newton Street; North West Arts, Lloyd Street; Venues or P.A.T., 3 Birch Polygon, M14 (S.A.E.). Tel: 061-224 0020
RADIATOR

RESIDENCY TUESDAY-SUNDAY 5-10 APRIL
Performance Friday 8 April.
Shirley Cameron &Roland Miller
Birch 8.oop.m.
SATURDAY 9 APRIL
Tiedrie
'GILGAMESH''
Birch 8.00p.m.
WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL
Desperate Men
Eggs and Enemies
Thompsons 8.00p.m.
THURSDAY-FRIDAY 14/15 APRIL
MONSTROUS REGIMENT
'The Fourth Wall'
by Dario Fo and Franca Rama
Lesser Free Trade Hall 7.30 p.m.
SATURDAY 16 APRIL
T.N.T.
'1945' and 'O.O.P.S.'
Birch 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday 20 APRIL
Optik
'Short Tour Of Ancient Sights'
Thompsons 8.00p.m.
SATURDAY 23 APRIL
Intercity Theatre Company
Knife Edge
Birch 8.oop.m.

SPORT

Fixture list of local football teams for Apr.

ASHTON
2nd Nantwich H
4th Formby A
9th Leyland H

MOSSLEY
2nd Gateshead H
4th Hyde A
9th Morecambe H
16th Buxton A
23rd Burton H
23rd Matlock A

HYDE
2nd Marine A
[illegible] Mossley H
[illegible] Southport H
16th Workington A
23rd Chorley A
30th Burton A

CELTIC
2nd Glossop A
4th Burscough H
9th Horwich RMI A
16th Rhyl A

DROYLSDEN

2nd Radcliffe H
4th Ford Motors A
9th Fleetwood H

GLOSSOP

2nd Stalybridge H
4th Bootle A
9th Accrington H
23rd Rhyl H

[illegible]JRZON

2nd Prescot H
4th Winsford A
9th Leek town H

TAMESIDE AMATEUR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES FOR APRIL '83

16th Away Abbeyhills Oldham
23rd Home Shipley Brittania.
Kick off 2.30pm at Lees Park, Droylsden

FILMS

WORKERS FILM ASSOC.
9 Lucy St. Manchester
848 9782/5
A Celebration of African Culture

Challenging Neo-Colonial ism. 8 - 9 April.
Fri- History and politics
Sat- Films - Emitai
Xala
Plus speakers
From Rhodesia to Zimbabwe

15-16 April
Fri- Zimbabwe since Independence
Sat- Films-Chimurenga- the war in Zimbabwe
Rhodesia the other side
Plus speakers

History in film in Africa: alternatives.
22-23 April
Fri-Myth and realities in African cinema
Sat- Films - Caddo Harvest: 3,000 years
plus speakers

Britain Ltd.
29-30 April
Fri- Britain Ltd.
Sat- Films- Blood & Guts, Riots and rumours of riots, Drend, Beat and Blood, You Hide me.

Britain Ltd: Musicians Workshop with steel'n skin. 1 May - Sun Workshop for musicians from local cultural groups plus music sess. Further details W.F.A 848 9782/5

Local Cinemas in the Tameside area are:-

PALACE
Market st. Stalybridge
061 338 2156

METRO
Old Street, Ashton
061 33 1993

THEATRE ROYAL

STUDIOS ONE & TWO
Corporation St, Hyde
061 368 2206

LISTINGS ARE FREE IN THE WHATS ON SECTION. JUST SEND THE DETAILS TO US.

The Royal Exchange THEATRE COMPANY FESTIVAL '83
APRIL 19 - JUNE 11
AT THE CORN EXCHANGE
APRIL 19-30 COCK UPS BY SIMON MOSS — The Royal Exchange THEATRE COMPANY
MAY 2-4 THE PEOPLE SHOW - THE CABARET
MAY 5-7 BLACK THEATRE COOPERATIVE "THE NINE NIGHT" BY EDGAR WHITE
MAY 10-21 STREET CAPTIVES BY JONATHAN MOORE — The Royal Exchange THEATRE COMPANY
MAY 23-25 NATIONAL THEATRE OF BRENT "THE MESSIAH" BY PATRICK BARLOW
MAY 26-28 PAINES' PLOUGH "WELCOME HOME" BY TONY MARCHANT
MAY 31 - JUNE 11 MASTERPIECES BY SARAH DANIELS — The Royal Exchange THEATRE COMPANY
ADVANCE BOOKING - Royal Exchange 061-833 9833
or on the night at the Corn Exchange

ACTION

MANCHESTER FESTIVAL

Once again, the ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE with its magnificent 700 seat auditorium welcomes applications from groups and societies throughout the North West who wish to participate in this 1983 Festival.

Inside the Auditorium there will be the opportunity to mount comedy, drama or musicals, whilst the foyer area will be available for music groups. There will also be the chance to applaud the work of those backstage staff who wish to display costumes, interesting 'props' and theatre designs.

Those individuals, groups or societies interested in participating can either collect an Application form from the ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE or write to Natalie Anglesey, the Festival Director, Royal Exchange Theatre, St. Ann's Sq.Manchester.

HUDDERSFIELD CANAL SOCIETY

8th April. Cheese and wine party, further details Jean Buckley 624 4881

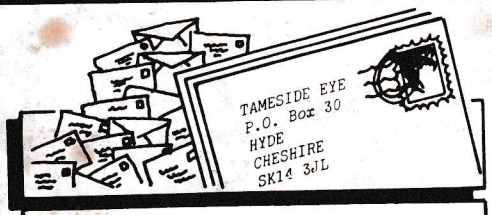
13th April Business meeting Old Hunters Tavern, Acres Lane, Stalybridge.

16/17th April Weekend working party in Uppermill Con. G. Maskell Moss. 3992

24th April Motorised treasure hunt. K. Gibson Huddersfield 844596

29th April A.G.M. and review of H.C.S. '82 with social and supper at the Coach and Horses Marsden 8pm. R. Dewey on Holmefirth 5022

The SOUTH PENNINES



LETTERS

Marshal Thatcher

DEAR EYE,

In spite of a pledge not to be the first to use nuclear weapons and numerous offers to discuss a reduction in their number, the Soviet Government is constantly being accused by our Tory war leader as being determined on a conflict with the 'West' (This, in spite of the fact that our Russian allies of 40 yrs ago had massive destruction and suffering inflicted on them by our common foe, Nazi Germany, and lost over 20million dead in the struggle) The Soviet people do not want war with Western Europe and Marshall Thatcher knows this.

A question which nobody has yet asked is 'What happens when the international arms traders start to sell nuclear arms freely to Latin American dictators, Middle Eastern governments, including Israel and any other customers able to pay? A really horrific situation can be imagined with missiles mutually targeted by Israel and Syria, Turkey and Greece, Iraq and Iran, Chile and Argentina to name just a few. And what about Argentina? Missiles launched from the sea? Cause enough to seek an international ban on these weapons?

Memories are short, but the only reason Russia entered the Second World War was because of the Nazi onslaught on the Soviet Union in 1941 - nearly two years after Chaimberlains fateful announcement: "We are at war with Nazi Germany!"

My geography teacher in the 30's used to say 'Mention Russia and some people start chewing the carpet.'
They seem to be still at it.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK CROPPER
11 Manor Farm Close,
Ashton Under Lyne.

Clean feet

DEAR EYE,

My attention has been drawn to your comments headed 'Verrucas', which appeared in EYE 42.

After having read your article I was astonished at the inaccuracy of it. I must point out that my title is Divisional Environmental Health Officer with responsibility for the North Division of Tameside which does not include Stalybridge, or SID's. I would also like to point out that fortunately I have never had, and am not suffering from Verrucas, not for that matter am I hobbling around.

I have not played squash at SID's for almost 4 years and it surely must be obvious from my comments that I have no connection, either socially or professionally, with the establishment.

Yours faithfully,

I.J. WILSON,
Divisional Environmental Health Officer (North)
Tameside M.B.C.

EYE REPLY: We wish to apologise to MR. WILSON for any embarassment he might have experienced as a result of last month's story. We accept that he has not played squash at SID's for four years and that he has no personal hygiene problems.

STINKS & BANGS

This month over 26 companies, clubs and organisations are doing their bit to make Tameside a noisier and filthier place to live.

First some anti-social characters from the borough's entertainment scene. Night club owner and Loch Ness monster maker PETER JESSOP will have to tighten up at SHADES, STALYBRIDGE, as will the SYCAMORE INN STAMFORD SQ., ASHTON. Tameside cannot go on investigating complaints of late-night pandemonium forever.

The burners have also been at it again. Over in HYDE, WRIGLEY FOLD FARM was reported by police and fire for burning rubber and had legal notices slapped on them.

Council sleuths investigated P. MULLANEYS of MILLSTONE FARM, MOSSLEY for alkaline fumes, and regular offenders WOLFENDEN CARRIERS LTD. of DROYLSDEN for general burning.

Nor do our distinguished public services escape criticism. ASHTON SEWAGE WORKS have been reported to GMC for nastier than normal stench, and bus drivers along ROACHES WAY MOSSLEY have had their fingers rapped by GMT for night-time noise. Keep the drunken yobs quieter boys.

Interesting to glance back in EYE files once in a while. Our Jan.'81 column notes two persistent polluters of Tameside skies who later achieved a somewhat greater notoriety, remember CHEMSTAR and MANRO ?

We can only say watch this space....

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